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(C) On March 10, Post delivered reftel points to Stephen Dawson, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Deputy of Regional Affairs in the Middle East and North Africa. Dawson said that the GOI's objectives in dealing with Hamas are largely the same as those of the USG, and, as previously reported to DCM (reftel B), Ireland will continue to conform with EU-wide policy prohibiting contact with Hamas.

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